

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 were previously pending in the application and have been allowed.

Applicants are submitting this amendment under 37 CFR §1.312 in order to reintroduce the subject matter associated with new claim 7. Claim 7 mirrors allowed claim 2 with the exception that it depends from allowed claim 4. Consequently, claim 7 does not raise any new issues of patentability or new matter and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 2 and 4.

Applicants note that claim 7 was originally intended to be included in applicants' response filed on November 4, 2004. However, due to an inadvertent oversight by the undersigned in converting draft claims including multiple dependent claims into the response filed on November 4, 2004, the equivalent to claim 2 except depending from claim 4 was erroneously omitted. Claim 7 reintroduces the intended claim language with respect to claim 4.

Entry of the amendment prior to issuance of the patent is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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